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(SBU) Pol-Econ Chief presented reftel talking points on the Tehran Research Reactor to MFA Deputy Director for Disarmament Hamza Khelif and left them and the reftel copy of the joint U.S., French and Russian letter to IAEA DG Amano as a non-paper. Khelif required detailed explanation of the relationship between the enrichment of fuel for the TRR and the production of medical isotopes by that same facility, but took on board the U.S. offer to help Iran procure such isotopes from third parties. Pol-Econ Chief could not confirm a report Khelif said had heard about a Turkish offer to mediate between the U.S.-France-Russia and Iran. He repeated the standard GOA position that his government supports the resolution of this dispute without resort to violence, which could destabilize the region. Khelif promised to pass our points to superiors in the MFA.
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